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JOINT STATE-AID-USIA MESSAGE

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SUBJ: OFFICIAL TRAVEL DURING ELECTION PERIOD

1. AS A RESULT OF A PAST HISTORY OF CHARGES AND COUNTER-
CHARGES OF BIG POWER INVOLVEMENT BY THE PARTICIPATNS IN SRI
LANKAN ELECTIONS AND OF GSL NERVOUSNESS THAT SUCH CHARGES ARE
NOT ONLY LIKELY THIS TIME, BUT ALSO HAVE SOME BASIS IN FACT,
THE EMBASSY HAS INITIATED A POLICY OF LIMITING INTERNAL OFFICIAL
TRAVEL UNTIL AFTER THE JULY 21 ELECTIONS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO VISITING OFFICIAL AMERICANS, WE WOULD ALSO
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LIKE TO LIMIT TRAVEL TO SRI LANKA, AND ABOVE ALL OUTSIDE OF
COLOMBO. FURTHERMORE, THIS IS A PERIOD IN WHICH KEY GOVERN-
MENT OFFICIALS ARE EITHER UNAVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION OR
UNWILLING TO MAKE COMMITMENTS WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE HONORED
BY A SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENT. ACCORDINGLY, WE SHALL PLAN TO VET
REQUESTS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO SRI LANKA BETWEEN NOW AND ABOUT
AUGUST 1 ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS WITH THE ABOVE CRITERIA IN

MIND. THIS POLICY HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHO NOT ONLY HAVE CONCURRED BUT HAVE EXPRESSED SOME APPRECIATION FOR THIS COURSE OF ACTION.

3. WE THEREFORE REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES TO BEAR WITH US IN OUR EFFORTS TO DEFER NONESSENTIAL TRAVEL DURING THIS PERIOD. THERE IS NO REASON FOR TOURISTS AND OTHER UNOFFICIAL AMERICANS TO AVOID SRI LANKA AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH ANY POSTS RECEIVING INQUIRIES MIGHT COUNSEL NORMAL DISCRETION WITH REGARD TO LOCAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, DURING A PERIOD IN WHICH PARTISAN FEELINGS MAY RUN HIGH.
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